# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:676
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WORLD-NO-ALCOHOL DAY
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government has proposed at the World Health Assembly at Geneva that Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary on 2nd October every year may be declared as "World-No-Alcohol Day"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in his address at the World Health Assembly 2008 had proposed that a "World No Alcohol Day" should be observed on 2nd October every year, iT being the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, one of the strongest proponents of alcohol abstinence and an apostle of non-violence.